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In re application of:
Haitsma, et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/886,064
Filed: June 21, 2001

For: WATERMARK EMBEDDING METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT

This is a decision on the petition received on December 8, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 21, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 23, 2001. A notice of abandonment was mailed on November 17, 2003.

On December 8, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 10, 2001.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 10, 2001 with a certification of mailing dated September 10, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2131.

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